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Majestic America Line
Attn: Nico Corbijn, Senior VP of Marine Operations
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Dear Captain Corbijn,

Thank you for your prompt and detailed answer to my letter regarding the inadequacies of the Safety Management System (SMS) on Majestic America Line's EMPRESS OF THE NORTH (O.N. 1140867). In reviewing your reply, I was pleased to see that Majestic America Line has taken numerous tangible steps toward making vessel safety an integral part of the company's evolving corporate culture. Based on the enclosures you provided, including the outline of the revised SMS, I am confident that my concerns have been fully addressed.

During your arrival in May 2008, my inspectors will visit your vessel and informally assess the implementation of the revised SMS. We look forward to seeing both the EMPRESS OF THE NORTH and the CONTESSA in our waters again during the 2008 season.

Please keep me abreast of the progress you are making in creating and implementing your revised SMS. Feel free to contact my Chief, Vessel Inspections Division, LT Randy Waddington, at 907-463-2444 or Randy.S.Waddington@uscg.mil with any questions.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of S. W. Bornemann.

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